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Applicants

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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME, AMENDMENT, AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are responsive to the Non-Final Office Action mailed August 13, 2009 ("Office Action"), in the above-identified application.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants respectfully petition for a two month extension of time, thereby extending the period within which to file a response up to and including January 13, 2010. Accordingly, this submission is responsive within the paid-for extensions of time.

Please charge **Deposit Account No. 50-0206** in the amount of \$490.00 to cover the two month extension of time fee. It is believed that no other fees are required for entry of this response, or to keep the application pending, but should any fees be necessary, the USPTO is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2;

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3; and

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.